Chapter 18

1. How is Mayella different from the other Ewells?
2. What unusual thing did Mayella do when she first took the stand? Why?
3. How old is Mayella?
4. What do you think Mayella was referring to when Atticus asked her about her father and she replied, “He does tollable, ‘cept when--”?
5. According to Mayella, why did Tom enter the Ewell’s property?
6. How does Mayella slip up in her testimony when Atticus asks her about being beaten?
7. How did Tom hurt his arm?
8. At the beginning of Mayella’s testimony she says she can’t remember well what happened. When and why does this change?
9. When does Atticus think Mayella screamed?
10. Atticus said that Mr. Ewell didn’t see Tom rape Mayella but rather saw the best defense to rape. What is the best defense to rape?

Chapter 19

1. Why did Tom go to jail the first time? Be specific.
2. Why did Tom go on the Ewell’s property…according to Tom?
3. Why does Tom help Mayella out around the house?
4. Why does Scout feel sorry for Mayella?
5. If Tom’s testimony is true, how do we know that Mayella has been planning the events of that day?
6. Why did Tom allow Mayella to kiss him?
7. According to Tom’s testimony, who is Mr. Ewell angry at when he enters the Ewell residents?
8. Who is Mr. Dees? What does he do for Tom in the trial?

Chapter 20

1. What does Mr. Raymond give Dill to settle his stomache?
2. Why does Mr. Raymond act drunk?
3. What does Atticus do at the trial that the children have never seen him do before? Why?
4. Who does Atticus think beat Mayella? Why?
5. Where is the one place that Atticus thinks all men are created equal?
6. What is the famous last line of Atticus’s speech?

Chapter 21

1. Why did Calpurnia come to the court house?
2. Who is Reverend Sykes?
3. What is unusual about the length of the trial?
4. What is the verdict of the trial?
5. What do the people in the balcony do as Atticus is leaving? Why?

Chapter 22

1. Why does Jem cry at the beginning of this chapter?
2. Why does Atticus allow the children to go to the trial?
3. What does Atticus find at breakfast?
4. What is Atticus’s plan for the trial?
5. What do the children learn from Miss Maudie?
6. What did Judge Taylor do for Tom?
7. What danger is there at the end of Chapter 22?